

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A passenger protecting apparatus comprising an airbag which is provided above a door opening of a vehicle body in a folded situation and is inflated and unfurled downward in gas inflow to protect a passenger,

5 wherein said airbag is fixed to said vehicle body by a fitting through a bracket; and

wherein said bracket positions a through-hole, through which the fitting to fix the bracket to said vehicle body is inserted, below said airbag attached to and housed in said vehicle body.

10 2. A passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a fitted hole provided in said vehicle body and a protruded portion which can be fitted are provided at an upper end of said bracket.

3. A passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a temporary fixing clip engaging with a vehicle body is provided at said bracket.

15 4. A passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a bead is formed along an upper end to lower end of said bracket.

5. A passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a rib is formed along an upper end to lower end of said bracket.

20 6. A passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a flange is formed along an upper end to lower end of said bracket.

7. A method for attaching a passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein after said airbag is attached to said bracket in advance, thereby making a subassembly, said subassembly is attached to said vehicle body.

25 8. A method for attaching a passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 3, wherein after said bracket is temporarily fixed to said vehicle body

with said clip in advance, said bracket and vehicle body are attached by fixing with said fitting.

9. A method for attaching a passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said subassembly is attached to said vehicle body with a bolt and nut.

10. A method for attaching a passenger protecting apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said subassembly is attached to said vehicle body with a rivet.